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Re:

Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Cohn:

I write on behalf of Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") to respond to the June 7, 2000 letter sent by Ms. Rushin of EPA concerning the Richardson Flat Tailings Site in Summit County, Utah. As I mentioned during our telephone conversation yesterday, in the time since its legal department received Ms. Rushin's letter on June 13, 2000, ARCO has made concerted efforts to engage representatives of United Park City Mines Company and Asarco in discussions about coordinating the parties' responses to EPA's notice letter and attachments relating to the conduct of a remedial investigation and feasibility study for the Richardson Flat Tailings Site. As you may recall, EPA encouraged ARCO to engage in such discussions in Ms. Rushin's letter. For reasons entirely beyond ARCO's control, those discussions are just beginning to unfold and ARCO expects that it will take at least several additional weeks to complete those discussions.

ARCO is committed to concluding its discussions with the other parties which received notice letters from EPA as soon as possible. We will provide a further response to EPA at that time. In the interim, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Very truly yours,

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